## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

## LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended)  A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:

generating a command sequence, the command sequence monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;

transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle; and

processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, wherein:

the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit.

19. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, wherein:

the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium.

20. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, wherein:

the command sequence is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.

21. (Currently Amended)  The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

checking the command sequence for plausibility in the processing unit.

22. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

storing the command sequence in a storage unit.

23. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

transmitting data from the monitoring unit.

24. (Previously Presented)  The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met.

25. (Currently Amended)  A device for recording operating data, comprising:

an arrangement for generating a command sequence, the command sequence monitoring a plurality of engine characteristics and determining a type of operating data recording;

a communication module for transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;

a processing unit for processing the command sequence; and

a storage unit.

26. (Previously Presented)  The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:

a display unit.

27. (Previously Presented)  The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:

operational control elements.

28. (Currently Amended)  A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising:

causing a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle to receive a generated command sequence;

determining a type of operating data recording from the generated command sequence; and

processing the generated command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.

29. (Currently Amended)  A computer readable medium having a computer program, which

is executable by a processor, ~~recording medium storing a computer program that when executed results in a performance of a method~~ comprising:

a program code arrangement having program code for performing the following:

generating a command sequence;

determining a type of operating data recording from the command sequence;

transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in a motor vehicle; and

processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.

30. (New) The computer readable medium as recited in claim 29, wherein the program code arrangement further includes program code for performing the following:

checking the command sequence for plausibility in the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

31. (New) The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

checking the command sequence for plausibility in the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.

32. (New) The device as recited in claim 25, further comprising:

a checking arrangement to check the command sequence for plausibility in the processing unit, wherein the storage unit stores the command sequence; and

a transmitting arrangement to transmit a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.


33. (New)  The method as recited in claim 28, further comprising:

checking the command sequence for plausibility in the processing unit;

storing the command sequence in a storage unit; and

transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met;

wherein the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit, and

wherein the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium or via a mobile telephone network.